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SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

Press time for this issue of the NLM NEWS falls just six weeks before the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship is scheduled to convene at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. The opening of the Registration Desk and Hospitality Lounge on Saturday afternoon, June 15, signals the beginning of a busy week.

On Sunday morning, June 16, at 10:00 A.M., the Exhibits Area will be formally opened. Sixty-seven exhibits, covering a wide variety of library equipment, supplies, and services will be in place. The Exhibits Area will be open to all interested persons on the following schedule:

Sunday, June 16	10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Monday, June 17	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 19	9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

At the Opening Session on Sunday evening, Dr. Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service and Honorary President of the Congress, will deliver the Welcoming Address. His welcome will be seconded by representatives of Canadian and Mexican medical libraries The Reception which concludes the Sunday session will be held on the Shoreham Terrace, weather permitting.

There has been a change in the arrangements for the Thursday afternoon session due to the inability of one of the MLA Fellows, Mrs. Krivinkova, to attend the Congress. Miss Hilda Clark, Medical Librarian and Information Officer of the British Council (London), has graciously consented to serve as Presiding Officer of the Fifth Congress Session.

Arrangements have been completed for providing simultaneous translation of program papers and discussions in the four official languages of the Congress: English, French, German, and Spanish. Abstracts of all papers submitted are being published, in four languages, in the Excerpta Medica International Congress series. Copies of the abstracts will be distributed to all members of the Congress as part

of the registration material. Additional copies will be available from the Excerpta Medica Foundation at $3.00.

The Proceedings of the Congress will be published as the January 1964 issue of the Bulletin of The Medical Library Association. In the current issue of the Bulletin, there appears a piece by Jane M. Fulcher on "Medical Librarians in Washington," which is recommended reading for all who plan to come to Washington in June.

As of this writing, 679 librarians and friends of medical libraries from 59 countries are registered as members of the Congress. This response is ample evidence of widespread interest and support, and augurs well for the success of the Congress.

NLM FUNCTIONS

The organization and functions statement for the National Library of Medicine, as incorporated in the Public Health Service Manual, has been revised under date of March 22, 1963. Functions assigned to NLM are stated as follows:

"Acquiring and preserving books, periodicals, prints, films, recordings, and other library materials pertinent to medical and related sciences.

"Organizing library materials by appropriate cataloging, indexing, and bibliographical listing; and publishing and making such reference listings available.

"Making available such library materials through loans, photographic or other copying procedures, or otherwise.

"Providing reference and research assistance.

"Supporting and encouraging programs of publications support to assist scientific groups in the organization, analysis and processing of medical literature.

"Acting as the principal resource within the Public Health Service for the improvement of the international exchange of published biomedical information through extramural support for the translation of foreign journals, monographs, critical reviews, announcement services, handbooks, data compendia, abstracts, indexes, etc., and the distribution of these translated materials to the American biomedical community.

"Studying the adequacy and availability of library collections of the scientific medical literature in relation to national research and educational requirements and developing plans for strengthening these resources.

"Supporting basic studies designed to contribute to the improvement of information-handling concepts and mechanisms applicable to the storage, retrieval, and dissemination of medical literature.

"Encouraging productive scholarship by supporting qualified individuals engaged in work on research monographs, critical literature reviews, bibliographies, special data compilations and historical studies relating to the medical sciences.

"Engaging, within the limits of the Library's resources, in such other activities in furtherance of the above functions as the Director, with the concurrence of the Surgeon General, deems appropriate."

NLM FY'64 BUDGET

The budget request for the National Library of Medicine was presented to the Appropriations Committee of the House on March 14, and to the Appropriations Committee of the Senate on April 3.

The total request is for 268 positions, and $4,074,000. The major components of the budget are as follows:

Personnel Compensation and Benefits	$1,780,000
Travel and Transportation	28,000
Rents and Communications	46,000
Printing and Binding	156,000
Publication Support Projects, and Other Services	597,000
Building Maintenance	330,000
Supplies	82,000
Equipment	1,055,000
	$4,074,000

In addition, NLM is requesting, under the Special Foreign Currency Program, $396,600, for obligation for translation activities in India, Israel, Yugoslavia, and Poland.

SEVENTH NLM INTERN PROGRAM

The seventh internship program of the National Library of Medicine will begin on September 3, 1963. Three 1963 library school graduates have been chosen to participate:

Miss Nancy Noyes, from Western Reserve University, completed undergraduate studies at Wellesley;

Miss Jennie Pumphrey, from the University of Chicago, received her bachelor's degree from Oberlin College;

Miss Mary Wahl, from Indiana University, did undergraduate work in biological sciences at DePauw University.

The internship consists of rotating assignments in the various divisions of NLM, seminars, visits to neighboring libraries, and opportunities for special work and study in subject or language areas.

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS

Publication of Volume 1 of the Index-Handbook of Cardiovascular Agents edited by Dr. Isaac D. Welt for the Institute for Advancement of Medical Communication, and published by the Blakiston Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company, has been announced. This volume covers the world literature from 1931 to 1950, lists 18,000 papers in 2,067 pages, and sells at $32.50.

Volume 2 of the Index-Handbook, in two parts, covering the literature of 1951 to 1955, was published in 1960 under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The second meeting of the Public Health Service Advisory Committee for Scientific Publications will be held May 16 at the Library. This Committee, organized under NLM sponsorship, will be asked to provide reviews of a number of grant applications and proposed contracts in the general area of secondary scientific publications. Mr. Daniel Bailey, the Library's Program Director for Scientific Publications, serves as Executive Secretary for the Committee.

ROGERS TO LEAVE NLM

Dr. Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, has announced that Dr. Frank B. Rogers, Director of the National Library of Medicine, will retire from PHS and the Library at the end of August.

Dr. Rogers was originally assigned to the old Army Medical Library on March 1, 1948, and became the Library's Director in October 1949. He has served in this position ever since, and thus was the last Director of the Army Medical Library, the only Director of the Armed Forces Medical Library (1952-1956), and the first Director of the National Library of Medicine.

In September, Dr. Rogers will become Professor of Medical Bibliography at the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver.

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